Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 21 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 20 Nov 2020 at 10:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a cold, very windy weekend with wintry showers. Some uncertainty over the details on Monday regarding the extent of rainfall then low confidence from Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 21 Nov 2020: Very cold and windy with frequent, often heavy, showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 Nov 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	60%	60%	60%	80%	80%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 21 Nov 2020

Weather: Rainband near the Great Glen soon clearing southeast through the early hours. Then a cold day with bracing westerly gales and frequent showers spreading in off the Atlantic and little shelter afforded to any area. Showers falling as sleet and snow above around 700m leading to a thin covering of snow on highest ground by the end of the day. Low risk of a thunderstorm, most likely near northern coasts.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% with some reasonable breaks between showers and the main cloud base above summits, but showers often bringing cloud down to 500-700m.

Visibility: Very good outside of showers, but often reduced to a few kilometres on lower slopes in rain and a few hundred metres in snow above around 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	44/58 SW	43/57 W	42/55 W	42/56 W	38/54 W	38/54 W	38/53 W	39/57 W	41/59 W
900	42/55 SW	40/55 W	38/52 W	39/53 W	37/52 W	36/52 W	36/51 W	37/55 W	38/57 W
600	30/43 SW	28/43 SW	27/40 W	27/41 SW	26/41 SW	26/42 W	26/41 SW	27/45 W	28/46 W
300	9/43 SW	9/41 W	8/38 W	9/40 W	10/40 W	11/41 W	11/41 W	11/43 W	13/46 W
Glen	19/38 SW	18/37 W	17/36 W	18/37 SW	18/36 W	17/36 W	18/39 W	18/39 W	18/40 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-7	0/-9	-0/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-11
900	2/-6	1/-7	0/-8	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
600	5/-2	4/-3	3/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-5	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6
300	7/4	6/4	5/3	4/2	5/2	4/1	3/-0	4/-0	3/-1
Glen	10/6	9/5	8/4	7/3	8/4	7/3	7/2	7/2	6/2
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	900m	800m	800m	700m	700m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
High level of wind chill and unabating severe gales. Conditions likely rapidly changing as heavy showers pass through with neighbouring slopes often lost to view.

Forecast for Sunday 22 Nov 2020
Weather: A similar day to Saturday with frequent showers continuing to spread from the west, but wind strengths will be a little lighter, albeit still to gale force strength. Showers will remain of sleet and snow above around 700m.

Maximum wind: Westerly 25-35mph gusting up to 55mph through morning, easing to 20-25 gusting 40mph by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% falling 30% with low cloud across the hills generally confined to showers, but cloud descending as low as 400m for short periods, then more widely from late afternoon.

Visibility: Very limited during passing showers, with visibility down to a hundred meters or less in snow showers and several kilometres on lower slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C.
At 800m: Minus 1 C.
Freezing level: 800m.

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